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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 September 2001.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-13,20 and 21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-13,20 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to amendment received on Oct. 12, 2004. Claims 14 – 19 were cancelled, claims 20 and 21 were amended, claims 1 – 13, 20 and 21 are pending examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 - 6, 10, 11, 20, 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Call, U.S. Patent No. 6,418,441 (referred to hereafter as Call).

2. As to claim 1, Call teaches a system for providing digital messaging services received from multiple sources over a communications network, comprising:

a client system, including:

a display screen coupled to a communications link (see fig. 1, Call discloses a display screen coupled to a communication link); and

a workstation including a web browser, a user interface, a memory, and a processor, said workstation coupled to said communications link (see col. 29 lines 16 – 29 and figs. 1 and 8, Call discloses an interface between the shared server and the inventory control system.)

a hosting system, including:

a server coupled to a communications link; (see fig. 1 , Call discloses a display screen coupled to a communication link).

a workstation for:

accessing applications stored on said server (see col. 32 lines 6 – 39, call discloses the accessing of shared product information server and other function and service provided by a manufacture's website);

inputting and retrieving information stored within said hosting system, wherein said workstation is coupled to said communications link (see col. 30, line 66 – col.31 line 35 and fig.7. Call discloses inputting a bar code and retrieving a website); and

a data storage device for storing data utilized by said hosting system (see col. 9 lines 38 – 49, and fig. 7, Call discloses a server database to book information);

wherein said hosting system is accessible to said communications network (see fig. 1 and fig. 8, Call discloses a system displaying a web page);

wherein said client system and said hosting system are in communication with each other, and wherein further, said hosting system provides digital messaging services to said client system (see fig. 1 and fig. 8, Call discloses a system displaying a web page);

As to claim 2, Call teaches the system of claim 1, wherein said digital messaging services include data collection resources procured from said client system, and at least one of a local content provider, national advertiser, local advertiser, corporate marketing group, and advertising agencies (see col. 10 lines 1 – 22, Call discloses product list and ordering information).

As to claim 3, Call teaches the system of claim 2, wherein local content from

said local content providers include one of: news, trivia, weather, sports, and stock market updates (see col. 27 lines 45 – 51, Call discloses the stock information of the products).

As to claim 4, Call teaches the system of claim 1, wherein said client system is a retail establishment (see col. 63 – 67, Call discloses the retail establishment).

As to claim 5, Call teaches the system of claim 1, further comprising: an input device for interactively changing content on said display screen, wherein forms of said content include audio, video, and text representations (see col. 10, lines 1 – 17, Call discloses text and graphic information).

As to claim 6, Call teaches the system of claim 5, wherein said display screen is a monitor (see fig. 1, Call displays a monitor connected to a system).

As to claim 10, Call teaches the system of claim 5, wherein said input device is a bar code scanner (see col. 12 line 39 – 49, Call discloses hand – held barcode scanner).

As to claim 11, Call teaches the system of claim 5, wherein said input device is a keyboard (see fig. 1, Call discloses a keyboard as an input device).

As to claim 20, Call teaches the system of claim 1 further comprising:
an input device for entering product information and initiating selection of display ready content related to the product from said storage device for displaying on said display screen (see col. 12 line 39 – 49, Call discloses hand – held barcode scanner).

As to claim 21, Call teaches the system of claim 20 wherein:
said input device is a bar code reader and the product include includes a bar code, said input device initiating selection of said display-ready content upon said bar

code reader reading the bar code screen (see col.12 line 39 – 49, Call discloses hand – held barcode scanner).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 7-9, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Call in view of Al-Kazily et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,760,694 (referred to here after as Al-Kazily).

As to claim 7, Call teaches a system for providing digital messaging services received from multiple sources over a communications network, comprising:

a client system, including:

a display screen coupled to a communications link (see fig. 1; Call discloses a display screen coupled to a communication link); and

a workstation including a web browser, a user interface, a memory, and a processor, said workstation coupled to said communications link (see col. 29 lines 16 – 29 and figs. 1 and 8, Call discloses an interface between the shared server and the inventory control system.)

a hosting system, including:

a server coupled to a communications link; (see fig. 1 , Call discloses a display screen coupled to a communication link).

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a data storage device for storing data utilized by said hosting system (see col. 9 lines 38 – 49, and fig. 7, Call discloses a server database to book information);

wherein said hosting system is accessible to said communications network (see fig. 1 and fig. 8, Call discloses a system displaying a web page);

wherein said client system and said hosting system are in communication with each other, and wherein further, said hosting system provides digital messaging services to said client system (see fig. 1 and fig. 8, Call discloses a system displaying a web page);

Call does not explicitly teach the system of claim 5, wherein said display screen is a kiosk, However, Al-Kazily teaches a computer is an interactive kiosk. It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to include a kiosk because doing so would require simple user interface that can be

used without training or documentation and the data may be stored locally.

As to claim 8, Al - Kazily teaches the system of claim 5, wherein said input device is a wireless telephone (see col. 3 lines 40 – 55, Al – Kazily discloses interactive wireless devices).

As to claim 9, Al - Kazily teaches the system of claim 5, wherein said input device is a personal digital assistant (see col. 3 lines 40 – 55, Al – Kazily discloses an input device a personal digital assistant).

As to claim 12, Al - Kazily teaches the system of claim 5, wherein said input device is a microphone (see col. 3 lines 40 – 55, Al – Kazily discloses an input device a microphone).

As to claim 13, the system of claim 5, wherein said input device is a touch screen (see col. 3 lines 40 – 55, Al – Kazily discloses an input device is a touch screen).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Method of and system for finding and serving consumer product related information over the internet using manufacturer identification numbers by Perkowski U.S. Patent No.6,064,979.

- System, method and article of manufacture for a tuned user application experience by Handle et al. U.S. Patent No 6,195,651.

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- Financial consolidation and communication platform, by Lewis U.S. Patent No.6,513,019.
- System for personalizing, organizing and managing web information by Li et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,631,496 .
- Client-side system for scheduling delivery of web content and locally managing the web content by Peterson et al. U.S. Patent No.6,594,682.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sargon N Nano whose telephone number is (571) 272-4007. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 hour.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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